

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph before the heading “Field of the Invention”:

--This is a divisional application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/061,959, filed February 1, 2002 and hereby incorporated by reference as if reproduced in its entirety.--

Please amend the paragraph bridging Pages 19 and 20 as follows:

Video module 320 may perform many functions including but not limited to analyzing data from one or more of the sensors 105 or cameras 112 to determine whether an alarm condition exists; accessing data stored in memory; generating alarm video to transmit to security system server 131 in response to detection of an alarm condition; and communicating with security system server 131 and remote client 155 through communications interface 340. In addition, video module 320 may buffer video from cameras 112 in memory. Then based on predefined criteria, older video that is not considered essential to any alarm signals may be discarded. Video module 320 may also be configured to record video, or portions thereof, on a predetermined basis, which may correspond, for example, to the requirements of the customer. Non-alarm video may be stored for later retrieval by the customer. In one embodiment, the customer or remote user at remote location 150 may be able to adjust ~~said~~ the predetermined basis including, without limitation, adjusting the recording times, duration, and total length of the recordings. In some embodiments, non-alarm video may also be sent to the security system server 131 for storage. Video module 320 is also capable of streaming live audio and video from the residence during alarm conditions, pre-alarm events, post-alarm events, and non-alarm

events, as well as for lifestyle monitoring. If a camera 112 is analog, video module 320 may digitize the video before transmitting it. When security system 100 is armed, audio and video data are constantly being stored in the video module's memory for potential use as pre-event media. In one particular embodiment, video module 320 contains sufficient memory to store sixty seconds of pre-alarm video and audio from each camera 112 and microphone 334 at audio station 107 in RAM and up to several hours of audio/video content (per camera 112 and audio station 107) on disk. When an alarm condition occurs, this cached data may be stored more permanently. The General Administrator of a security system 100 may delete recorded information, archive non-alarm information, and adjust the cache length. A guest user may only make such changes if the General Administrator has assigned such permissions and access to the guest user.

Please amend the Abstract on Page 38 as follows:

A method is disclosed for remote monitoring of a premises, comprising the steps of operatively coupling a geographically remote client to a security system server which is capable of authenticating a user of the remote client, operatively coupling the remote client to a security gateway which is capable of managing the monitoring of the premises, activating a signal at the premises for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring, and transferring information between the security gateway and the remote client. The transfer of information between the security gateway and the remote client is controlled by the user of the remote client. The security gateway may be operably coupled to at least one camera at the premises and to at least one audio station at the premises.

~~The notification signal may comprise an audible signal or a visible signal or both. An audible notification signal may comprise a sound uniquely associated with the remote user, and can comprise speech, which may identify the remote user. A visible notification signal may comprise a depiction of the remote user, or a graphical image, or an alphanumeric message, which may identify the remote user, and which may be transmitted to a keypad at the premises. The visible notification signal may be transmitted to a display device, such as a television. The visible notification signal may further comprise an activation signal for a light source at the premises, such as a light emitting diode (LED). The LED may be located on a camera or on a keypad, for example.~~